
Dean Friends Claim Omission

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Friends of John W. Dean III were quoted yesterday as saying the edited White House transcripts omit a conversation between Dean and President Nixon about using the Internal Revenue Service to attack administration enemies.

CBS quoted Dean's friends as charging that "major deletions" had been made in the transcripts, which were released Tuesday.

The report said Dean, the former White House counsel and Mr. Nixon's chief Watergate accuser, told the story to friends, who relayed it to CBS on their own authority. Dean is prohibited by judicial order from discussing Watergate.

The report quoted the friends as saying deleted from the transcript of a Sept. 15, 1972, conversation

between Mr. Nixon and Dean was a long conversation about using the IRS to attack enemies. It said a report was given on an IRS investigation of Lawrence O'Brien, former national Democratic chairman who then was working for the election of Senator George McGovern.

Questioned about the report, Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said the portion of the tape not included in the transcript released Tuesday was deemed not relevant by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica when he screened the tape for the grand jury. CBS said the White House told it that Sirica deemed it not relevant to Watergate, and that Mr. Nixon decided to give the House Judiciary Committee what the grand jury got.

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